Celebration of Life for David Merrida, Jr.

Sunrise
January 18th, 1953
Sunset
June 14th, 2018

Friday, June 22nd, 2018
11am
Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church
2315 North 26th Avenue
Birmingham, AL 35234

Pastor Timothy J. Woods Sr.
Officiating
Life Reflections

David Merrida Jr. was born on January 18th 1953 to Doris Merrida Robinson and the Late David Merrida Sr. He confessed Christ at a young age at Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church.

He received his education from Louise Elementary School and graduated from George Washington Carver High School. He was honorably discharged after serving his country in the Air Force from 1971 to 1975. He was employed at Birmingham Construction Industry Authority for twenty-two years. David fought for rights and diversity in the construction Industry for minority contractors, yet while serving as a educator and community activist. David’s passion for the elderly community and the younger generation was well known. Nothing deterred David from his passion. David’s work may have appeared to be behind the scenes, but his efforts and heart for construction and education was always in a powerful pursuit.

David’s professional skills and overall knowledge for golf was his favorite thing to craft. David cherished many moments with his golf family. Playing a game of golf with his friends could go two ways; a fun game with his brothers or a competitive match until the very end.

David departed this life on June 14th 2018. He is preceded in death by his father the Late David Merrida Jr. and son Corey Merrida. He leaves to cherish his life a loving and devoted mother Doris Merrida Robinson, two sons; Marcus (Angelica) Jefferson, DeRon Merrida, one daughter; Aftan (Cedric) Walls, two grandchildren; Christian Merrida and Chase Taylor Walls, one brother; Donald Merrida Sr. and one sister Elaine Wilson, two nephews; Rev. Derrill Wilson and Donald Merrida Jr, one niece Doria Merrida and a community of beloved golfers.
Order of Service

Prelude .................................................. Musicians

Processional ........................................... Clergy and Family

Musical Selection .................................... Choir

Scripture Readings
  Old Testament ..................................... Rev. Eddie McCoy
  New Testament ..................................... Rev. Melvin Williams

Prayer .................................................. Rev. Derrill Wilson

Reflections ........................................... Closes friends (3 mins max)
  Michael Bell
  Poem for our Father
  Marcus Jefferson

Words of encouragement ......................... Derrill Wilson

Song .................................................... Choir

Silent Reading of the Obituary

Eulogy .................................................. Pastor Timothy J. Woods

Recessional
"Your Spirit"

Today I saying goodbye to your body
You will always be with me.
When life separates us
Your soul and identity are still with me.

I now appreciate the simple things in life.
Your voice, your hugs, your smile, just you.
When the sun is shining through my window and
awakens me
I will feel the warmth of your love.

When the storms of life come
I will hear your words of wisdom
I will remember what you taught me so well
Fight for what you believe, your color cannot be
stopped, go see the world,
be what you want to be and always keep learning.
These were the things you here to tell.

No matter where I am
Your spirit will be in me
For I know that no matter what
You loved me.
I cherish every moment
I am grateful for those times.
From the beginning and now to the very end
I love you and miss you dearly Daddy.

Always and forever

Love, Rudy

Acknowledgements

Our Sincere thanks to each of your expressions of comfort and acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. May God’s blessing be with you.